

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 8, 2003, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendments and following remarks are made in response thereto. Claims 1–5, 21–24 and 26–28 are canceled without prejudice to the underlying subject matter. Consequently, claims 6–20, 25 and 29 are pending.

Claims 1, 3, 5–7 and 9–29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,560,634 to Broadhurst ("Broadhurst") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,295 to Farrow et al. ("Farrow"). Claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broadhurst in view of Farrow and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,182,142 to Win et al. Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broadhurst in view of Farrow and in further view of RFC 3832 to Hollenbeck. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 6–20, 25 and 29 are allowable over the cited art, and, accordingly, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending § 103 rejections.

The Claims Are Allowable Over the Cited References

Claims 6, 25 and 29 stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broadhurst in view of Farrow. Claim 6 is directed to a method for processing a domain name registration operation, and recites, in pertinent part, "instantiating one or more objects, the objects corresponding to attributes included in the request." Claims 20, 25 and 29, directed to a method, an apparatus and a computer readable medium, respectively, disclose similar subject matter. The Examiner opines that "Broadhurst-Farrow discloses ... instantiating one or more objects, the objects corresponding to attributes included in the request (col. 6, lines 44-67)." (Office Action, Page 5, Paragraph 7). The Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that neither Broadhurst, Farrow, nor any other reference cited by the Examiner disclose this feature.

Broadhurst is directed to a query server that performs a domain name search over multiple domains. Based on user input containing a domain name, a plurality of domains and a search criterion, a plurality of requests may be transmitted to the domain name servers associated with the plurality of domains, and the search results may be displayed to the user in a formatted manner. *See, e.g.,* Abstract; Col. 7, lines 36–53; etc. Farrow is directed to a method for providing

network address protocol updates from a server manager to various network address protocol management servers. *See, e.g.,* Abstract; Col. 2, lines 10–31; Col. 10, lines 36–48; etc. However, both Broadhurst and Farrow are entirely silent on whether one or more objects may be instantiated, as recited by claims 6, 20, 25 and 29. *See, e.g.,* Specification at Page 33, line 15 to Page 34 line 8 and FIG. 13; Page 36 line 18 to Page 37 line 10 and FIG. 14; etc. Furthermore, because both Broadhurst and Farrow fail to disclose instantiation of objects, these references also fail to disclose that the object corresponds to attributes included in the request, as recited by claims 6, 20, 25 and 29. Moreover, the Applicants submit that none of the remaining references cited by the Examiner teach or suggest these features, either alone or in combination.

Consequently, the Applicants submit that claims 6, 20, 25 and 29 are allowable over the cited art. Claims 7–19, depending from claim 6, are also allowable, at least for the reasons discussed above. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending § 103(a) rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks submitted above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect would be greatly appreciated.

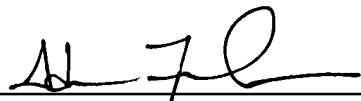
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4294 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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